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Cal/EPA Renews Commitment to Energy Created by Renewable Resources

SACRAMENTO – Today Cal/EPA Secretary Linda Adams sent a letter to Thomas Properties Group (TPG), the building manager for the agency's offices, urging its continued participation in the SMUD Greenergy[®], an alternative energy program.

"With the Governor's firm commitment to fighting global warming, it's essential that Cal/EPA and its departments lead by example," said Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection. "Each and every one of us can be part of the solution. What seems like a small effort, when joined together, is the way we will reduce greenhouse gases and slow global warming."

Participation in the SMUD Greenergy[®] Program by TPG reduces more than 3,500 tons of greenhouse gases every year and supports the alternative energy market. Renewable resources (like landfill gas created by waste decomposition) are used to create the energy for Greenergy[®], not conventional sources that pollute like coal.

The Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building located in downtown Sacramento, was designed using green design and engineering principles that conserve energy and natural resources. Every aspect of its design and construction incorporate sustainable technologies, materials, methods and processes.

The design principle has cut operating expenses by approximately \$1.00 per square foot, more than \$1 million per year. During the first three years of operation, the Cal/EPA building has saved approximately \$4.8 million in costs related to energy, water and waste. Over 25 years, the facility is projected to achieve \$84 million in savings – more than 50 percent of its original construction costs.

The Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building has been identified as an Energy Star building for the last four years, with an average score of 94 out of 100 points – making it the most efficient high-rise facility in the nation. The building was also certified LEED-EB Platinum from the United States Green Building Council, making it the first high rise certified above Gold in any category, and one of the greenest high rises in the nation.

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